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LINCOLN WILL LIKELY FURNISH THE LEADER

Who Will Take Charge of the Interests of Democracy During the Coming Season

David Edwin Killam the Party Leader Is the Man Whom It Now Appears Will Be Chosen

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 16.—(Special Correspondence).—Old, reliable Lincoln county, always thoroughly American and one of the five democratic ballistics of the Ninth congressional district, a political subdivision which extends chiefly along the north bank of the Missouri river from Callaway county east to the Mississippi, will undoubtedly have the tribute thrust upon it of furnishing the next minority party leader of the House of Representatives. The indications are that the honor will be conferred upon its 1921 representative, David Edwin Killam of Troy, without opposition when the thirty-eight democrats who constitute the House minority meet January 4 to organize, select the clan chief and otherwise fully prepare for the trying ordeal which is ahead of keeping the heavy republican majority within reasonable bounds.

It is Killam's second appearance at the state capital as a member of the legislature from Lincoln county, his initial bow having been officially entered two years ago. That he is fully qualified to hold down this high honor with credit to himself, the "democratic stronghold" he represents, and to the "only reliable party" is emphasized by the fact that he received his elementary education in the public schools of Troy, his oratorical and legal abilities were developed in the Troy Buchanan college, and the finishing touches were applied to his culture, adaptability and alertness in the University of Missouri. As mayor of Troy and prosecuting attorney of Lincoln county, Representative Killam paved the way to be sent to the legislature in 1918 and then he re-elected in 1920. He was born in Winfield, Mo., November 16, 1882, and now is in his thirty-ninth year.

Gold Shield Reverts Back
John L. Sullivan, Missouri's secretary of state, one of several of the democratic state officials aspiring to succeed himself, recently relegated back to private life by the people, is actively for a narrative dealing with a heavily plated gold shield which has, in Pettis county, reverted back through the November volcanic upheaval, to its original owner after being out of his possession for twenty years. The emblem in question is a sheriff's shield of authority presented by admiring friends to John A., better known as "Jack" Williams, a Pettis county democratic farmer when he was elected to that exalted position twenty-four years ago. Formerly a two-year term Sheriff Williams turned the shield over to his democratic successor with the stipulation that it should continue to pass down the line from sheriff to sheriff as long as a democratic sheriff was the successor, but that when a republican broke the succession that it should be returned to the original owner. Pettis county in the past generally was close, swinging from one party to the other constantly when it came to a majority of its county officers, but a democratic sheriff was always elected for twenty years until last November when the nation-wide political upheaval put the republican nominee for balliff over. The sheriff's gold shield, a little worn, but gaudy as ever, is now again in the possession of ex-sheriff Williams and he will hold on to it until Pettis county redeems itself four years hence through once more electing a democrat to that position.

Folk Oppose Blue Laws
From Washington comes the information that Joseph W. Folk, Missouri's former governor who will live in history as the first chief executive of the state to rigidly enforce the Sunday closing law, is opposed to the plan of some ardent church workers to prohibit Sunday baseball "movies" and other harmless forms of amusements through either a federal constitutional amendment or by congressional legislation. If the program of the old blue-law advocates assumes alarming proportions, it is said, Folk will take to the field in open opposition. He declares that men and women who toil long hours six days a week to keep the wolf from the door are entitled to their share of beneficial amusements and recreation and Sunday is the only full day remaining open to them.

That Folk is a determined and sincere fighter when he takes a positive stand is well known in Missouri, even to his most bitter enemy. Two years ago when certain members of the Fifteenth General Assembly attempted to repeal the present state-wide primary law and substitute the old convention plan of naming party state tickets, Folk donned his war armor, sharpened his battleaxe and issued a dog in opposition to the plan of erstwhile party bosses. The county, pro the state over, the Post-Dispatch and Star of St. Louis, and the St. Louis Republic, which democratic organ was then still in existence, came to this aid and this united powerful opposition defeated the primary substitution measure in both bodies.

Gray Grooms Gov. Gardner
Omar Gray, chief of Missouri's petroleum inspection department, and editor of the Sturgeon Leader, is flooding the state with a circular designed to rehabilitate and rejuvenate the well remembered state rural credit proposition of five years ago, known as the "Gardner Land Bank System," the state-wide popularity of which, in August, 1916, landed for Missouri's present governor, Frederick D. Gardner, that big democratic nomination, and, in the fall of that year, elected him to the high position he now fills.

Gray's press circular, which carries the caption, "Gardner and the Land Bank," opens with the declaration that: "It is now generally conceded that the bankers and Eastern loan agents who formerly reaped such a rich harvest in real estate loans to the farmers have effectively succeeded in tying up the operation of the Federal land banks, through court proceedings. The Federal banks have ceased to function, for the present at least, and as to whether they will ever be able to re-open depends upon decisions of the supreme court."

Governor Gardner has admirers all over Missouri who are anxious to see him become the democratic nominee for governor in 1924, to rescue Missouri from the hands of the "mysterious stranger." The Gardner land bank and rural credit system is still as popular in rural Missouri as it was in 1916 and if new life is given the measure it will easily renominate and re-elect its author and past chief sponsor in 1924.

Meredith Will Run Again
Willis H. Meredith of Poplar Bluff, formerly prosecuting attorney of Butler county, and, more recently, the

WILL PUT ON MUCH DOG

The New Colonels Appointed to Gov. Hyde's Staff Will Look "Some Swell."

Gov.-elect Hyde has appointed more than forty men in Missouri to serve on his personal staff and defend him in case of war post-poned revolution or the rant, Clarence Phibbey of this city is one of the number, and there are several more to be selected in this city. The chief duties of these new colonels for the next four years is to buy a uniform and a double edged sword, and entertain the governor when he comes to this city. W. P. Fulkerson and Grant A. House are the other St. Joseph colonels.

These new colonels will when in full uniform—not otherwise full—the governor's bodyguard at the inauguration January 19 and attend the inauguration ball that night. Their fighting will be confined thereafter to the ball rooms, as the brevet commissions carry with them no active military duties.

The colonels on the governor's staff formerly wore uniforms of the state militia, but now that the militia has been federalized, the new governor has been compelled to prescribe a new uniform. The regulations will be filed in a few days with the adjutant general at Jefferson City.

The new uniforms will be of dark blue. On the cuff of the coat is embroidered a scarlet silk star, and above five acorns of maroon braid. On the shoulders must be the regulation alpenstocks. A dark blue cape is to be worn over that.

The troups are to have a gilt lace stripe down the sides. The cap is to have the seal of Missouri embroidered on the front. And the final embellishment is a sword.

WHERE DANDURANT LOST HIS LIFE

Not only do the farmers around Lake Contrary have trouble protecting themselves from the encroachments of the Missouri river—wilt its appetite—but Bean Lake farmers have now gotten into like trouble. This week they launched a campaign to save Bean Lake from destruction, the Missouri now encroaching strongly toward the lake. Bean Lake has become a resort of considerable proportions in the last few years. A meeting of farmers and resort owners will be held Saturday to discuss means of raising \$10,000 to construct steel jetties to turn the current of the river. It was in this district that Dr. L. J. Dandurant and his small son lost their lives last summer when their motor car plunged into the river where it had cut into the road. Should the river cut into Bean Lake the lake would be drained.

ASA BROYLES DIED AT MARYVILLE

Friends of the family were notified this week of the death of Asa Broyles of Maryville, who died at his home there on Tuesday at the age of 87 years. The deceased was an early resident of this county, having lived in St. Joseph in 1846, from which place he moved to Nodaway county. He is survived by three children, thirteen grandchildren, twenty-four great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Until his death there were five generations of the Broyles family living. Old residents of this city will well remember a brother of the deceased, Solomon Broyles, who for years was captain of police here prior to the organization of the present metropolitan system. Sol Broyles died in service here.

SAY KANSAS CITY COAL PRICES LOWER

A newspaper man who was sent from this to Kansas City to look into the coal situation on his return produced figures showing that he could buy regular brands of coal in that place at from \$2 to \$2.50 per ton less than it was sold by regular dealers in St. Joseph. Local dealers who were asked to explain the difference in price, frankly stated that they could not. A federal grand jury which is now investigating this territory will probably shed some light on this pertinent subject.

CLAYTON SPONSOR DIES IN EUROPE

A cablegram received by Ralph E. Costigan of the Noyes-Norman Shoe Co., Tuesday, contained notice of the death of Clayton W. Sponsler of this city, secretary of the Noyes-Norman company. He is supposed to have died in London as the message carried that dating point. Mr. Sponsler had been ill for some time and was abroad for his health. Mrs. Sponsler was with him.

SPECIAL GRAND JURY FOUND MUCH FAULT

AND WOUND UP BY INDICTING FOUR DEMOCRATIC POLITICIANS

SENATOR THOMAS J. LYSAGHT ONE OF THEM

Owing to the Peculiar Conditions Which Prevail and the Manner in Which the Indictment Was brought About the Friends of Senator Lysaght Are Not at All Apprehensive That There Will Be Any Serious Consequences After the Accused Has Had a Chance to Give His Side of the Matter.

After six weeks of labor in the crime ridden wilds of Buchanan county, the special grand jury called by Judge Uta on Wednesday made its final report which while not unexpected in well informed quarters, still surprised the uninitiated by returning indictments against State Senator Thomas J. Lysaght, Charles Towle, J. Walter Williamson and Otto Theisen. The first three are charged with election frauds and Theisen with setting up a gaming table. In all cases except that of Senator Lysaght, the indicted ones appeared before Judge Uta that day and furnished bond for their appearance at the next term of court. In the case of Senator Lysaght he is now away on a tour of the state with a legislative committee checking up the state institutions, and is not expected home until Christmas eve.

It is charged that Theisen allowed a gaming table to be set up on his premises at Lake Contrary.

Senator Lysaght, who was an election judge in precinct E of the Third ward, the precinct in which the court house is located, is charged with irregularities in making returns.

Irregularities Are Charged

Towle, who was a judge in precinct D of the Seventh ward, in the indictment found against him is charged that he fraudulently took seventeen votes from Henry Franks and ten from William Bab and gave them to Thomas Fleming; that he took twenty-six votes from Dr. S. D. Reynolds and gave them to Dr. W. W. Gray; that he took three votes from Ernest James and two from David Littlejohn in the Democratic race for the general assembly and gave them to Joseph J. Brown, and that he took nine votes from James Byrne in the Democratic race for constable and gave them to James J. McGraw.

In the case of Williamson, it is charged that he as a judge in precinct D of the First ward fraudulently credited twenty-five votes to Thomas Fleming that should have been counted for Henry Franks in the Democratic race for nomination for county judge; twenty-five votes to Fleming which should have gone to William Bab; thirty-one votes to Dr. S. D. Reynolds, which should have gone to Dr. W. W. Gray; Democratic candidate for coroner. That he took eight votes from W. H. Kueker and fifteen from William Bettis in the Republican race for sheriff, and gave them to William Bell. In addition, Williamson is accused of giving votes in the race for committeeman to T. P. J. Smith at the expense of C. W. Dodson and William Norton, on the Democratic side, and thirty-one votes to Dr. Lerol Beck, at the expense of William Lysaght and J. M. Dever, on the Republican side.

On account of the finding of these alleged election irregularities, the grand jury recommends that a special grand jury be called to investigate the election, but gives no reason why it should not have completed the work itself, after it had done enough to be able to vote indictments.

Seized the Sheriff's Office

The sheriff's office came in for a most severe castigation at the hands of the jury. Sheriff-elect Billy Kueker and some of the deputies were absolved from all blame and the report in place complaints; he and them for their efficiency in trying conditions. The report says: "This jury made a careful investigation of the robbery of the safe in the sheriff's office, and from all of the evidence obtainable, it is our conviction this was an inside job."

"We find that some purchases of supplies for the county have been made at the store of Sheriff Isaacson at Fayette, contrary to the state statute, which prohibits a county officer selling supplies to the county. "Our investigation of the jail de-

CAPT. DUNCAN CALLED

One of St. Joseph's Best Citizens Is No More Among the Living.

When the dread angel on Wednesday afternoon touched Capt. John A. Duncan, a good man and citizen, a devoted husband and father, and a friend to all who knew him, fell into the deep and dreamless everlasting sleep. For over a year his frail body had been racked with pain, and his mind tortured over the loss of his brave son Donald who in bloody Belgium had given up his young life for the benefit of future generations. At 1 o'clock Wednesday the strain became too severe, and the golden cord snapped.

There are few men better known in St. Joseph than Capt. Duncan. Of quiet unassuming demeanor, he made a friend of all with whom he came in contact, and a friendship once formed was never broken—on his part.

On Sunday morning Capt. Duncan was afflicted with a second stroke of paralysis, which was the closing act of his earthly career. He was 70 years of age on Oct. 10 last, and beside his wife he leaves to mourn his loss John A. Duncan, Jr., United States commissioner; L. Grant Duncan of Deque, Ill., and First Lieut. Richard S. Duncan of the 64th Infantry; sons; Mrs. Wiley O. Cox of this city, a daughter; and a brother, William Duncan of Wilmington, Delaware, which place was also the birthplace of Capt. Duncan.

Capt. Duncan had an extensive business career in St. Joseph in the years that he made this city his residence. He was a most enthusiastic republican, and did as much to help the party in this section as any man who ever took part in campaigns. Men like Capt. Duncan are sorely missed—and their places are never filled.

THIEVES ARE ACTIVE

Over a Dozen Houses Were Entered and Robbed on Saturday and Sunday Nights.

The shortage of jobs caused by the laying off of so many men in the past two weeks is what the police hold responsible for the many robberies and hold-ups now taking place with such frequency in this city. There were over a dozen hold-ups and robberies on Saturday and Sunday nights.

The thieves were not at all choosy as to whom they robbed, the home of Andrew Borkowski, a police officer, at 2101 Mitchell Avenue, being robbed of \$50 and some goods. Judge R. E. Culver's home on the DeKalb road, was entered and considerable loot secured. Elmer Myers' home, 4341 Penn, was looted, as was also the home of C. E. Engelman, 3102 Penn, and Charles Vermilyea, 2905 St. Joseph Avenue. The F. A. Haden drug store, the G. F. Anderson home on Mitchell Avenue, and the Robt. McDonald home, 545 North 4th, were also visited. Walter Herchebender was fined on Saturday night when he refused to stop his car on Twenty-ninth and Garfield avenues at robbers' behest.

The Kansas City court of appeals this week sustained the validity of the new Haffner tax bills amounting to \$25,000.

Developed the fact that the entire premises were poorly kept, poorly ventilated, and that the prisoners were poorly and improperly fed; that at least one of the jailers, namely A. C. Gray, was so incompetent and unfit as to raise a serious doubt in the minds of this jury as to his actual criminality. The custom of using felon prisoners as trustees around the jail, as well as the custom of indiscriminately selecting prisoners without regard to their fitness for such work as cooks, should be discontinued.

"It was found that the bedding in the jail was infested with bedbugs, and the whole institution presented an appearance of neglect and lack of sanitation. We would recommend that suitable clothing be provided for prisoners when booked at the jail, and a system of bathing, disinfecting and changing clothes, until their own clothing is properly disinfected and fumigated, be adopted. We also recommend that a suitable cook be employed."

"We find that women visitors have been allowed at the jail during unauthorized hours, and that in at least two instances they have been permitted to remain all night."

The report also criticizes the county court for the way it handles certain county funds and for making such a loose arrangement with the county physician.

JUDGE WILLIAM K. JAMES IS HONORED

IS ELECTED HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FARM CONGRESS BY ACCLAMATION

DID NOT SEEK THE HIGH POSITION

At the Conclusion of the Big Meeting Which Comprised Delegates From Every Part of the Country the Convention Adopts a Series of Resolutions Which Will Make Many Sit Up Very Straight and Take Unusual Notes.

Judge William K. James lost the Democratic nomination for Congress in this district—for which, at the present time he is not a particle sorry—but he showed wonderful vote getting powers at Kansas City last Saturday when he was elected president of the International Farm Congress for the ensuing term, winning hands down—in fact he was nominated by acclamation and unanimously elected, receiving every vote of the big convention—and what is still better being given these votes unopposed. Judge James is now at the head of the greatest farm organization in the United States—and for that matter in the world—for it has the largest membership and the best organization of any of the former organizations of the country—therefore Judge James can afford to feel decidedly honored.

The convention had delegates from all over North America, and they were the strongest men that could be sent to the convention which lasted for a week in the windy city at the Kawe's month. The meeting also elected L. T. Piper of San Antonio, Texas; Howard Leonard of Eureka, Ill.; and Andrew Kimball of Thatcher, Arizona, vice presidents. The result of the convention is best shown by a digest of the resolutions adopted at the closing meeting, which are as follows:

Some Needed Legislation
Correct Labeling—Common honesty, and state and federal laws, demand that every container of food contain what it purports to be, both in quantity and quality. Any fabric or material of any kind used in the manufacturing of clothing should be as plainly and honestly labeled.

Agricultural Credits—The necessity for providing additional facilities for financing the crops produced by American farmers is so apparent as to call for no argument in substantiation. In view of the fact that such need does not extend throughout the year, but occurs at the same period annually, it would seem that special arrangements might be provided, without interference with the rights of functions of other industries and without placing agriculture in a preferential class.

Special Favors—We subscribe to the principle that special favors should not be extended to any section or industry. If farmers persist in growing crops for which there is no demand in a normal market, at satisfactory prices, they have only themselves to blame for the natural consequences; but when they have responded to appeals by their government for larger production, and have supplied that production at costs which would not otherwise have been assumed, and then suddenly find themselves confronted with demoralized markets and lack of credits, it would seem but fair for their government to do everything reasonably possible to lessen their losses.

Oppose Military Training
Military Training—We are opposed to large standing armies and compulsory military training in time of peace.

Immigration—We believe that common caution demands a sharply restrictive immigration policy, and a most careful selective process.

Collective Bargaining—We call upon all law-making agencies to clearly and fairly establish the rights of cooperative buying and selling, without further delay.

Labor—The right of men to organize, and to sell their labor collectively, is unassailable; but such transactions should be upon the basis of service rendered and not enforced through a monopoly, or by intimidation or violence.

Gambling Prohibited—We stand squarely upon the principle that the right of any business practice to exist rests upon service. And we deny the right of men who perform no useful service, either as producers, distribu-

HAT IS IN THE RING

And John Albus Will Go After the Office When the Time Comes.

The first official announcement of a candidate for the postmastership of St. Joseph was made this week when John Albus, who always knows what he is doing and how to do what he attempts to do, announced that after the consultation with his friends and with the friends of President-elect Harding where he most certainly was in and draws water, he had decided to shy his ester into the ring as a candidate for the St. Joseph postmastership, when the proper time arrived.

That this will precipitate a fight in rep circles is abundantly true, as the Sills and alleged Square Dealers will fight Albus from the word go—but that as all the good that it will do them as they never have nor never will be able to down the ubiquitous John, who in this particular instance is on the right side of the presidential fence for he has a safe and secure footing with the president-elect. The Sills in their desire to hurt Albus on the occasion of the visit of president-elect Harding here in October, made the blunder of their career and unwittingly threw the whole Harding support to Albus, who without hesitating profited by it to the utmost.

There is no better known citizen of business man in St. Joseph than John Albus, and he has been prominent in Republican circles from the day that he donned knee pants. He has served on the city, county, state and congressional committees; in 1888 defeated the great rep leader, Col. A. C. Dawes of the formation, for delegate to the national convention; served as superintendent of city delivery for later years of the St. Joseph post office, was a member of the school board for five years, and in 1902 after a bitter fight of four-months was appointed supervisor of customs here by President Roosevelt, in which capacity he served until 1911, since which time he has been in the insurance business, and also connected with the Stock Yards Journal in charge of the advertising department, where he has done in all he undertakes—has made good. When the time comes Albus will make a vigorous canvas for endorsements, and with the help of Illinois, Ohio and New York friends, will show the Sills and alleged Square Dealers a clean pair of heels.

BARRETT FOUND DEAD FROM ACCIDENT

When the door of David J. Barrett's room at 508 North Sixth street was burst open Monday night, after another roomer had detected the odor of escaping gas, Barrett was found sitting near a gas stove fully dressed and with a look in his hand. He had been dead for some time and a large gas jet next to the foot valve of the radiator was open and pouring out its fumes which had caused his death. In turning on the radiator he had accidentally opened the gas valve, which killed him. Barrett was a well known traveling man, and leaves three children and three sisters.

Mrs. Joseph Khoska, wife of the much troubled former South St. Joseph saloon man, started more trouble for him when on Monday she filed suit for divorce from him, alleging indignity and assault for \$125 a month alimony. She also wants the couple's two children.

Lots of manufacturers of a commodity, to make their living by gambling upon the results of the effort of those who are so engaged.

Ask Protection From Competition

The Tariff—American agricultural and live stock industries have entered an era in which they need have protection from international competition of products of countries where land is cheap, or labor merely paid, if they are not to sink to the approximate level of such countries.

Pending the enactment of tariff legislation, we urge an embargo against the importation of agricultural products.

Forest Conservation—A comprehensive program of forest conservation should be formulated and put into operation without further delay.

U. S. Department of Agriculture—We urge our continued support of the United States department of agriculture and earnestly urge upon congress the speedy de making adequate appropriations to continue the present investigations and work under way by that agency.

Judges James stated upon his return that he would devote considerable of his time to the new duties of the position.